

HOPKINS COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
GOVERNMENT CENTER  
September 16, 2008 at 4:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Hopkins County Fiscal Court was held at Hopkins County Government Center and was called to order by Hopkins County Judge Executive Donald E. Carroll. Invocation was given by County Attorney, Todd P'Pool. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established with all Magistrates being present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – September 2, 2008 minutes - Motion by Magistrate Rogers and seconded by Magistrate Duncan to approve the September 2, 2008 minutes. Motion carried.

**REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY:** County Attorney presented the Leadership Team of the Child Support Unit, which included Pam Branson, Shawn McEntire & Meredith Fleming with a five star service award for being in the top 15% of Hopkins County for Child Support Enforcement.

**REPORT OF COUNTY CLERK:** Nothing to report.

**REPORT OF SHERIFF:** Nothing to report.

**REPORT OF JAILER:** Request to surplus a Mower to be used as trade in for new mower. Motion to surplus the mower was made by Magistrate Riggs and seconded by Magistrate Groves. Motion carried.

**REPORT OF TREASURER:** A. General Fund in the amount of \$30936.03, Road Fund \$24547.69, Jail Fund \$52522.92; LGEA Fund \$58992.03 Total \$166998.67. Motion by Magistrate Wilson and seconded by Magistrate Groves to approve the payment of claims. Motion carried.

B. . Treasurers Report: Motion by Magistrate Duncan and seconded by Magistrate Rogers to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

C. Regular Payments (October – December). Motion by Magistrate Welch and seconded by Magistrate Riggs to approve the October – December Regular Payments. Motion carried.

**Department Reports:** Burned truck & tractor bids – accept high bid from George Jones dba Canine Creek for \$1150.00. Motion by Magistrate Wilson & seconded by Magistrate Riggs to accept the bid from George Jones dba Canine Creek.

**Report of Magistrates/Committee:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

A) Accept 2008 Rates for Health Department at 2.6 cents per \$100.00. Motion by Magistrate Wilson and seconded by Magistrate Riggs to accept the 2008 rates for the Health Department.

B) First Reading of Ordinance 2008-07: Real Property Tax Rates to be set at 16.2 cents per \$100.00 - an Ordinance of Hopkins county, Kentucky, relating to the 2008

tax rates for real property in Hopkins County, Kentucky. Motion to approve Ordinance by Magistrate Wilson and seconded by Magistrate Duncan.

Discussion: Magistrate Riggs stating that the County has always taken the compensating rate but after hearing from the citizens he would like to leave it like it was. The County has a contingency fund and we can use that if we need to.

Magistrate Rogers stated that the school board took an increase on the school tax rate and to help the citizens of Hopkins County he does not agree in raising the county property tax rates.

Magistrate Welch stated that she agrees with Magistrate Riggs and the County should try to cut in anyway possible and would like to remove the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.

Magistrate Wilson stated that this County receives a lot of money from the State and it is always been my belief that we try to help ourselves. The compensating rate is on real property but we have lost several businesses that had inventory and this has caused the personal property tax base to decrease. I feel if you do not take the compensating rate on real property this will reduce the money that comes in for our sanitation department.

Magistrate Riggs: I do understand that employers have left the County and now those people have that lost their jobs and are without income.

Magistrate Lynn stated that if the County has money in a contingency fund I don't agree we should take the compensating rate.

Judge Carroll called a Roll Call Vote on the motion:

NO	Mag. Welch
Yes	Mag. Groves
No	Mag. Riggs
Yes	Mag. Wilson
NO	Mag. Rogers
Yes	Mag. Duncan
No	Mag. Lynn
	Judge Carroll

**Motion Failed.**

C) First Reading of Ordinance 2008-07: Real Property Tax Rates to be set at 14.4 cents per \$100.00 - an Ordinance of Hopkins county, Kentucky, relating to the 2008 tax rates for real property in Hopkins County, Kentucky. Motion to approve Ordinance by Magistrate Riggs and seconded by Magistrate Rogers.

Roll Call:

Yes	Mag. Welch
Yes	Mag. Groves
Yes	Mag. Riggs
Yes	Mag. Wilson
Yes	Mag. Rogers
Yes	Mag. Duncan
Yes	Mag. Lynn
	Judge Carroll

**Motion carried.**

D) First Reading of Ordinance 2008-08: Tangible Tax Rates to be set at 28.02 cents per \$100.00 - an Ordinance of Hopkins county, Kentucky, relating to the 2008 tax rates for Tangible Personal Property in Hopkins County, Kentucky. Motion to approve Ordinance by Magistrate Riggs and seconded by Magistrate Welch.

Roll Call:

Yes	Mag. Welch
Yes	Mag. Groves
Yes	Mag. Riggs
Yes	Mag. Wilson
Yes	Mag. Rogers
Yes	Mag. Duncan
Yes	Mag. Lynn
	Judge Carroll

Motion Carried.

D) First Reading of Ordinance 2008-09: Motor Vehicles & Watercraft Tax Rates to be set at 10.30 cents per \$100.00- an Ordinance of Hopkins county, Kentucky, relating to the 2008 tax rates for Motor Vehicles and Watercraft in Hopkins County, Kentucky. Motion to approve Ordinance by Magistrate Rogers and seconded by Magistrate Riggs. Motion carried.

Roll Call:

Yes	Mag. Welch
Yes	Mag. Groves
Yes	Mag. Riggs
Yes	Mag. Wilson
Yes	Mag. Rogers
Yes	Mag. Duncan
Yes	Mag. Lynn
	Judge Carroll

Motion Carried.

E) Pauper Burial -- Freddie Rollins -- Motion to approve the pauper burial by Magistrate Rogers and seconded by Magistrate Lynn. Motion carried.

F) Surplus 4 desks, 13 Cabinet Rollers and 3 counter tops. Motion to approve the surplus of the described property by Magistrate Riggs and seconded by Magistrate Rogers. Motion carried.

14. Announcements: Larry Rogers had an opportunity to talk to Don Ershig who offered to give land to Hopkins County for the new Judicial Center at no costs to the County. Mr. Rogers stated this would be in our best interest to take an offer like that. Judge Carroll stated that the Court will have to wait until Project Development Board makes a proposal before we can do this. County Attorney, Todd P'Pool stated that he has reviewed the AOC rules of Administrative Procedure for Site Selection and the way these are being built around Kentucky is that the Project Development Board makes the decision for the County then comes to local government and ask you to make a purchase a land for this location. County Attorney stated his advice to the court is to wait until you receive a written request on a site or sites that the Project Development Board can present to this court. Magistrate Riggs encouraged Magistrate Wilson and Judge Carroll and the other members of the board to look at the site at Mid Town Commons and discuss the pros and cons from a downtown site to the site at Mid Town Commons.

15. Grievances from citizens: None

16. Adjournment: Motion by Magistrate Rogers and seconded by Magistrate Groves to adjourn.

  
DONALD E. CARROLL  
HOPKINS COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

Close of Court September 16, 2008

The foregoing minutes were presented by Fiscal Court Reporter Kim Blue, corrected where necessary, and signed by the presiding Judge with the approval of the Magistrates present.

  
DEVRA STECKER  
HOPKINS COUNTY COURT CLERK